

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1077  
By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Joan N. Payne upon her induction into the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Joan N. Payne is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Payne was recently inducted into the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Joan N. Payne joins the ranks of numerous educators who have been previously inducted into the circle of honor at the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame, which is co-sponsored each year by Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) and overseen by a Board of Governors that represents major educational organizations statewide; and

WHEREAS, wholly deserving of this honor, Joan N. Payne has served with acumen and alacrity as an eighth grade History teacher for thirty-one years in the Johnson County School system; and

WHEREAS, in addition to teaching the students, Mrs. Payne also serves as their friend and counselor, and is a mentor to other teachers as well as a leader in her school and community; she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously during her career to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as students and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Payne is a “walking history book” whose tone of voice rallies the class as she relates the details of a scandalous tale from the past, or describes a fiery feud between two renowned politicians from a hundred years ago; her oratorical skills leave students on the edge of their seats as they wait for her next word, move, or gesture to carry the story to another gripping level; and

WHEREAS, Joan N. Payne truly serves as an inspiration to the educational community of Tennessee, and she epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, Joan N. Payne’s life of teaching and service should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Joan N. Payne for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, congratulate her upon being inducted into the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.